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REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 16, 20-24 and 29 have been canceled, claims 11 and 25 have been amended, and claims 31-38 have been added by this amendment. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 11-15, 17-19, 25-28 and 30-38 will be pending in the above-identified application.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowability of claims 16, 19 and 29.

Claim 11 was amended to include all the subject matter formerly recited in claim 16. Accordingly, claim 11 and claims 12-15 and 17-19, which depend from claim 11, are allowable. Applicant requests the rejections of claims 12-15 and 17-19 be withdrawn, and claims 11-15 and 17-19 be allowed.

Claim 25 was amended to include all the subject matter formerly recited in claim 29. Accordingly, claim 25 and claims 26-28 and 30, which depend from claim 25, are allowable. Applicant requests the rejections of claims 25-28 and 30 be withdrawn, and the claims be allowed.

Claim 31 include all the subject matter formerly recited in claim 19. Claims 32-38 are identical to claims 12-18 except they depend from claim 31 rather than claim 1. Accordingly, claim 31 and claims 32-38, which depend from claim 31, are allowable. Applicant requests claims 31-38 be allowed.

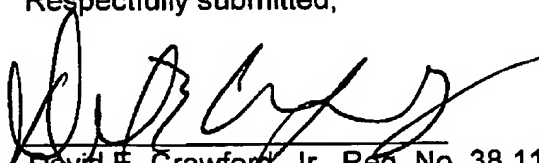
Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that there is any issue which could be resolved by an interview, Applicants request the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

As it is believed that application is in condition for allowance, a favorable action and Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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